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1. FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS BARBADIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR NAVFAC EXTENSION EITHER ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY OR PREPARTING TO LEAVE. RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED. EVERY SIGN I SEE INDICATES THAT BARBADOS WOULD PREFER TO DELAY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THERE IS SOME CLEARER INDICTION AS TO EXTENT OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORTHCOMING FROM THE UNITED STATES.

2. WHILE I CERTAINLY CAN PRESS THE BARBADIANS TO RE-INITIATE THE NEGOTIATIONS AND I BELIEVE THEY WOULD AGREE TO DO SO FOR SOME TIME IN MAY OR JUNE, I DO NOT BELIEVE THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE ANY DEFINITIVE TURN UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR. TALKS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE MORE LIKELY EXPLORATORY THAN DEFINITIVE. IN MY JUDGMENT THE GOB INTENDS TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT BUT HOPES TO DO SO ON BASIS OF TERMS BETTER THAN THOSE WE NOW ARE OFFERING EVEN IF SOME OPTICAL SLEIGHT-OF-HAND IS INVOLVED. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN
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CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND OUR RESPONSE TO REQUEST CONTAINED REF B COULD JUSTIFY RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT. IN THE INTERIM GOB IS PREPARED TO DELAY NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN EXTENSION UNTIL IT VISUALIZES WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE A POLITICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS "PACKAGE."

3. I PLAN DISCUSS WITH FONMIN FORDE

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